

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Donigan.

Representative Clemente moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Clemente moved to adopt the minutes of the **May 30, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4048** before the committee:

HB 4048 Griffin Elections; absent voters; absent voter ballot; issue upon voter's request without requiring justification.

Representative Hammon moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 4048**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

TESTIMONY

Representative Griffin, sponsor of HB 4048, explained his bill to the committee.

Vice-Chair Clemente assumed the chair.

Lynn Fessel, Jackson City Clerk, testified in support of the bill.

Chairman Corriveau resumed the chair.

Chris Thomas, representing the Michigan Secretary of State Office, testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak. Mr. Frazier was available for questions.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Janice Vedder, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC), testified in support of the bill.

Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk and Register of Deeds, submitted a letter in support of the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4553** before the committee:

HB 4553	Corriveau	Elections; absent voters; mailing of absent voter ballot applications to qualified and registered electors 60 years of age or older; allow even if application not requested.
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TESTIMONY

Chairman Corriveau, sponsor of HB 4553, explained his bill to the committee.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified and submitted written material in support of the bill.

Janice Vedder, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of the bill.

Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk and Register of Deeds, submitted a letter in support of the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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52 Minutes